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Dear Sirs,

It has recently come to my attention that following the lengthy and expensive proceedings which ultimately found Microsoft guilty of being an illegal monopoly, you as the justice department have chosen to consult with the guilty party in an attempt to find a punishment which would prevent an appeal attempt. I also understand that you have chosen this option under the direct suggestion of President Bush. As a registered voter I suggest that you reconsider the current plan. Your current plan does little to remedy the situation and in many cases provides Microsoft more ammunition to attack the open source community (one of its only potential competitors) by preventing them from using Microsoft protocols without receiving their blessing as being secure. Additionally the problems found with Microsoft warrant far more supervision than a three party council that is partially determined by Microsoft itself. In all I have found these proceedings to be an almost laughable derailing of the justice system, and if these problems are not corrected and Microsoft truly punished, I will seek remedy with my vote. I also in general find that it to be very discouraging that a corporations deep pockets could grant them so much power over duly elected and chosen representatives.

Sincerely,

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